

ICON23

**International Congress: Education and Knowledge
Alicante, 1-2 June 2023**

Researching a new teacher profile for multilingual early childhood education

Dr. Beatriz Cortina-Pérez

University of Granada (bcortina@ugr.es)



UNIVERSIDAD DE GRANADA





R&D Project “Learning foreign and additional languages at Early Childhood”

<http://proyectoleyla.eu/>

(Ref. PID2021-123055NB-I00) funded by MCIN/AEI/ 10.13039/501100011033 and by “ERDF
A way of making Europe”



UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA





Starting hypothesis

given the **linguistic complexity of schools**, where the language of instruction, heritage languages and foreign languages in the curriculum coexist (as well as the growing national and international expansion of very early learning, before the age of 6-7, of a foreign language, mainly English), **a new teaching profile** is needed with competences that encompass both early childhood education and those linked to the teaching of additional languages.



UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA



MAIN OBJECTIVE

To develop an international teacher profile to successfully address multilingualism in Early Childhood Education.



UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA



3-YEAR PROJECT (2021-2024) & 3 PHASES

EXPLORE

- Bibliographical review
- Comparative analysis of international LEYLA practices

RESEARCH

- Explore teachers' perception about the LEyLA profile and training needs
- Quantitative validate the LEyLA teacher framework
- Qualitative validate the LEyLA teacher framework

TRANSFER

- Design an open transfer course
- Piloting
- Disseminate the LEyLA framework



UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA



INTERDISCIPLINARY GROUP

1) LANGUAGE EDUCATION RESEARCHERS

- Beatriz Cortina
- Natalia Martínez León
- Javier Fernández
- Fernando Trujillo
- Antonio González
- Ana Otto
- Ana María Rico
- Ana Andúgar
- Beatriz López
- M.^a Ángeles Jiménez
- María F. Tabuena
- Ana Yara Postigo

2) EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION RESEARCHERS

- Julio García
- José Antonio Liébana
- Noelia Alcaraz

3) EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH RESEARCHERS

- Adrián Segura
- Manuel Fernández

4) GENDER STUDIES RESEARCHERS

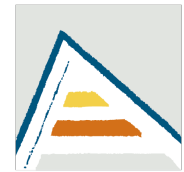
- Vicenta Marín Parra



UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA



UNIVERSIDAD
DE MÁLAGA



Universitat d'Alacant
Universidad de Alicante



UNIVERSIDAD
COMPLUTENSE
MADRID



INTERNATIONAL GROUP

[Dra. Ofelia García](#)

[Dra. Janet Enever](#)

[Dra. Thomai Alexiou](#)

[Dra. Joanna Rokita-Jaśkow](#)

[Dra. Olivia Mair](#)

[Dra. Gunhild Alstad](#)

[Dra. Mila Schwartz](#)

[Dra. Janina Kahn-Horwitz](#)

[Dr. Dario Banegas](#)

[Dra. Yuko Butler](#)

[Dra. Fatma Said](#)



UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA





Phase 1

EXPLORE



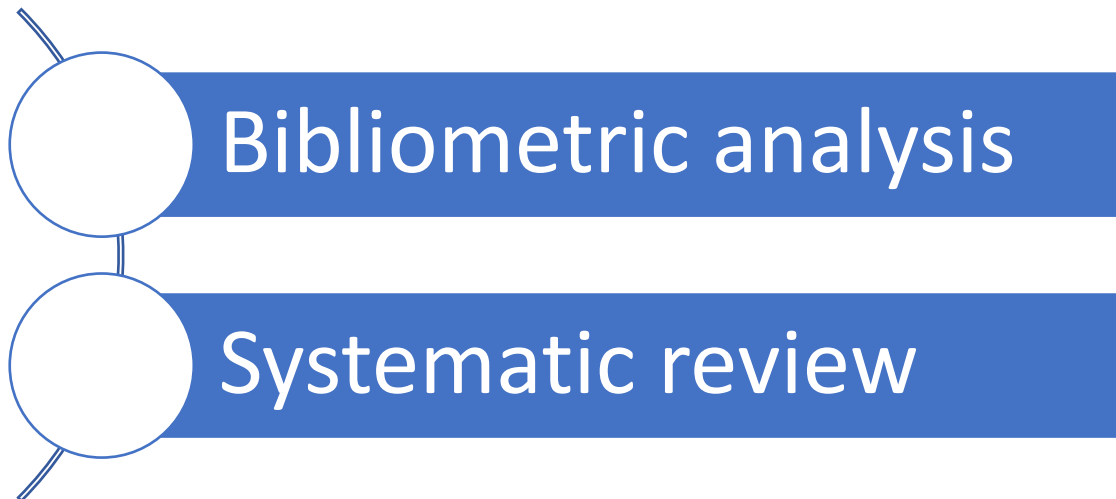
UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA



PHASE 1. EXPLORE

Bibliographical review

To describe the research panorama of multilingual education at early years, particularly related to teacher education and teacher profile.



Clarivate
Web of Science™

ERIC™
Education Resources Information Center



Scopus

 VOSviewer Online
Visualizing scientific landscapes

SciMAT

PRISMA PROTOCOL



UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA

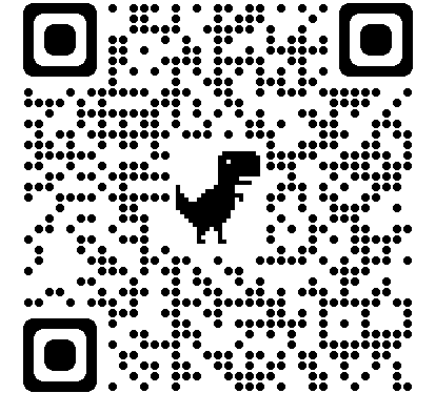
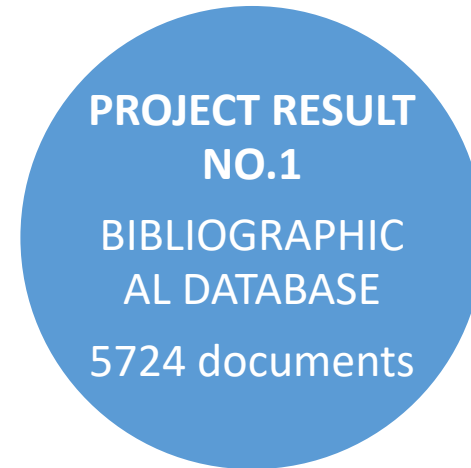
PROYECTO I+D
LEILA
APRENDIZAJE DE LENGUAS EXTRANJERAS
Y LENGUAS ADICIONALES EN LA INFANCIA

PHASE 1. EXPLORE

Bibliographical review



Bibliometric analysis



<http://proyectoleyla.eu/bibliografia>

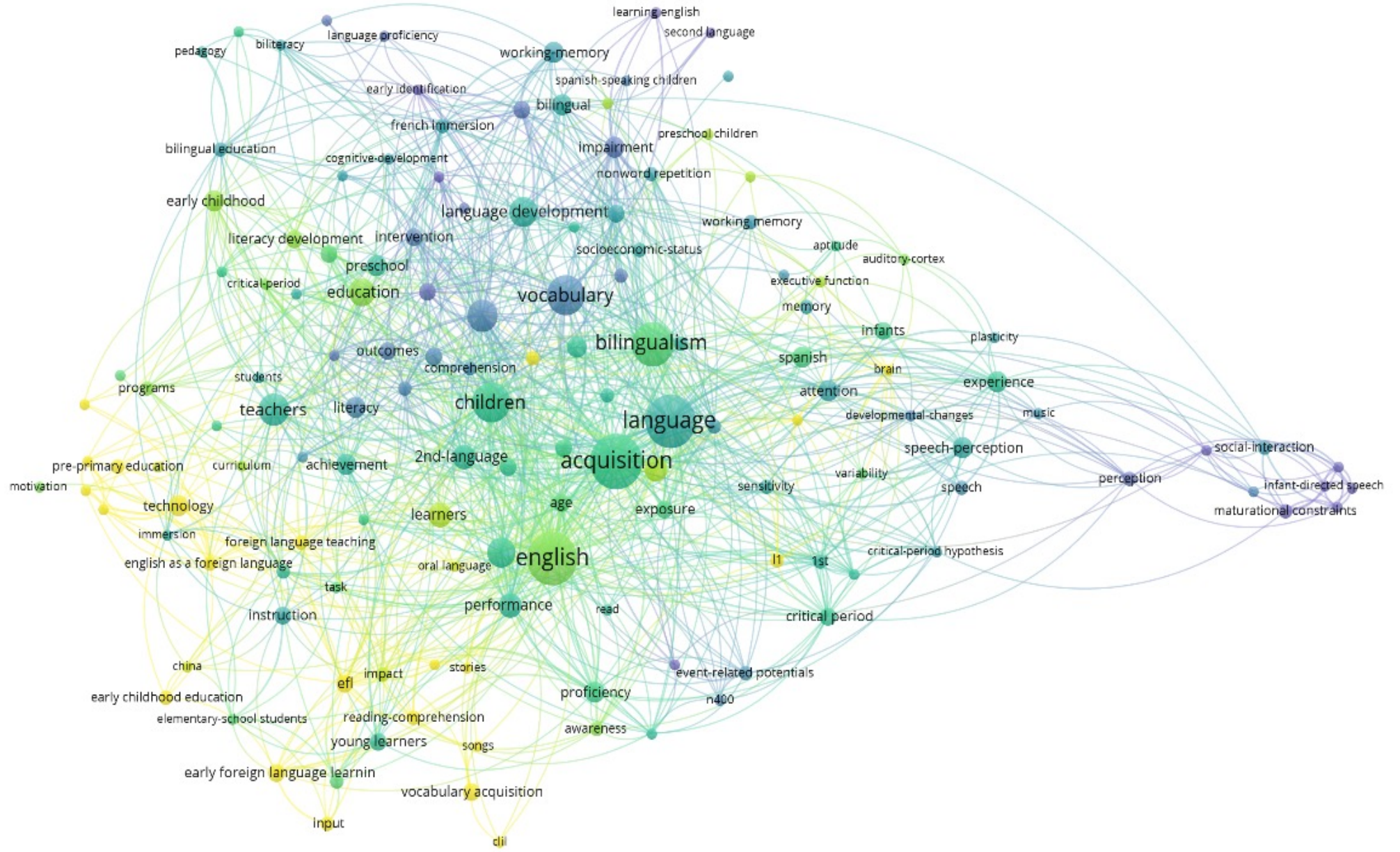


**UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA**



PHASE 1. EXPLORE

Bibliographical review



PHASE 1. EXPLORE

Mapping best practices internationally

- To describe and analyse successful practices on early multilingual education all over the world



Online open-question
questionnaire



Describe the practice



Explore best practice criteria



UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA



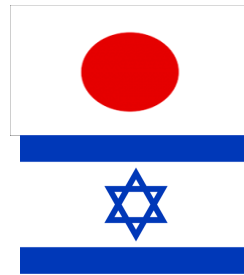
PHASE 1. EXPLORE

Mapping best practices internationally



Polonia
Grecia
Italia
España

Norway
Finland



Japón
Israel



EEUU
México
Argentina

RESULT NO.2
MAP
17

RESULT NO.4
INTERNATIONAL
DESCRIPTION OF
VEME CONTEXTS

RESULT NO.3
SET OF
CRITERIA



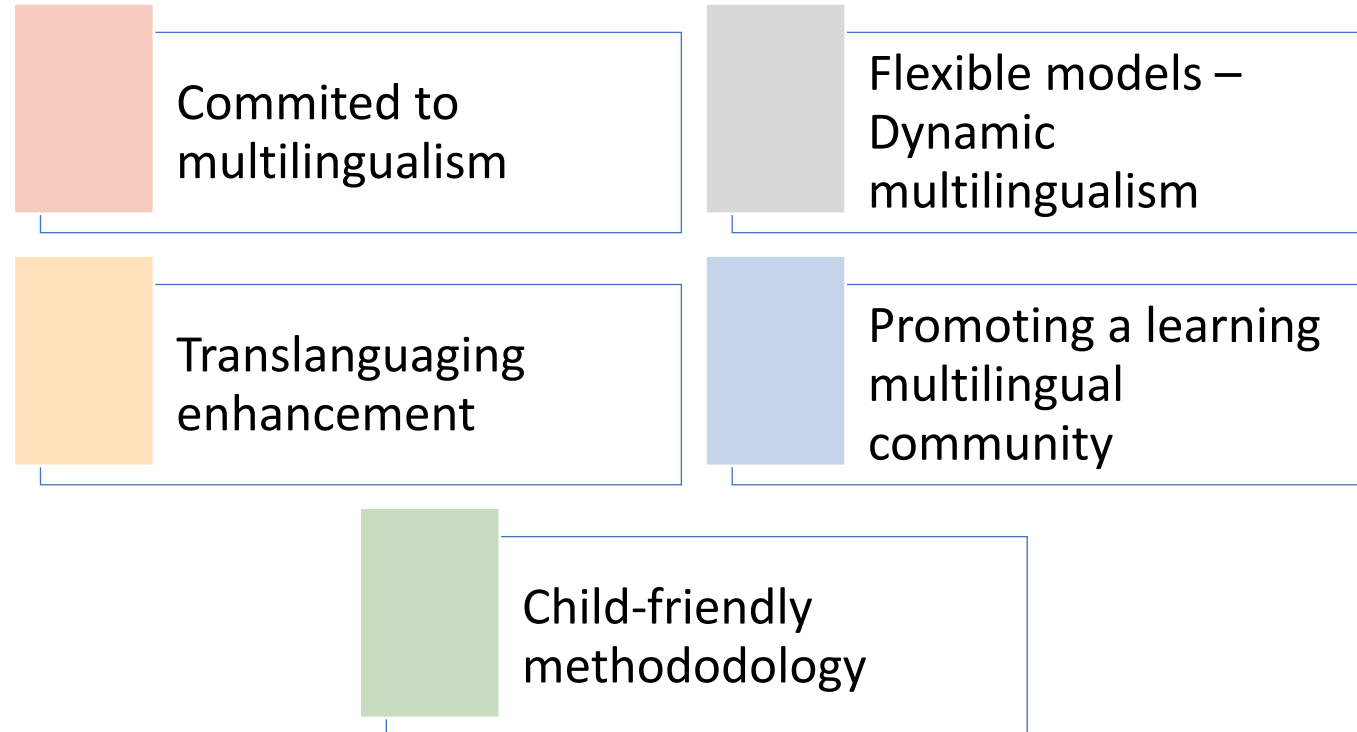
UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA



PHASE 1. EXPLORE

Mapping best practices internationally

criteria



SOME CONCLUSIONS (SO FAR)

- There is an **increasing interest** on the area of Very Early Multilingual Education within the international academia
- **Future research** on the area will move towards a more socio-cultural perspective.
- Some schools and communities are making great efforts to adopt **flexible models of multilingual education** at early years for the sake of children's well-being
- Many countries and their policy-makers are starting to be aware of this increasing demand, thus schools are acting as **agents** pushing towards flexible bilingual education.



UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA



3-YEAR PROJECT (2021-2024) & 3 PHASES

EXPLORE

- Bibliographical review
- Comparative analysis of international LEYLA practices

RESEARCH

- Explore teachers' perception about the LEyLA profile and training needs
- Quantitative validate the LEyLA teacher framework
- Qualitative validate the LEyLA teacher framework

TRANSFER

- Design an open transfer course
- Piloting
- Disseminate the LEyLA framework



UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA



PHASE 2. RESEARCH

Analysing teachers' opinions and needs

DISCUSSION GROUPS



X 2

Early childhood educators at bilingual/multicultural contexts

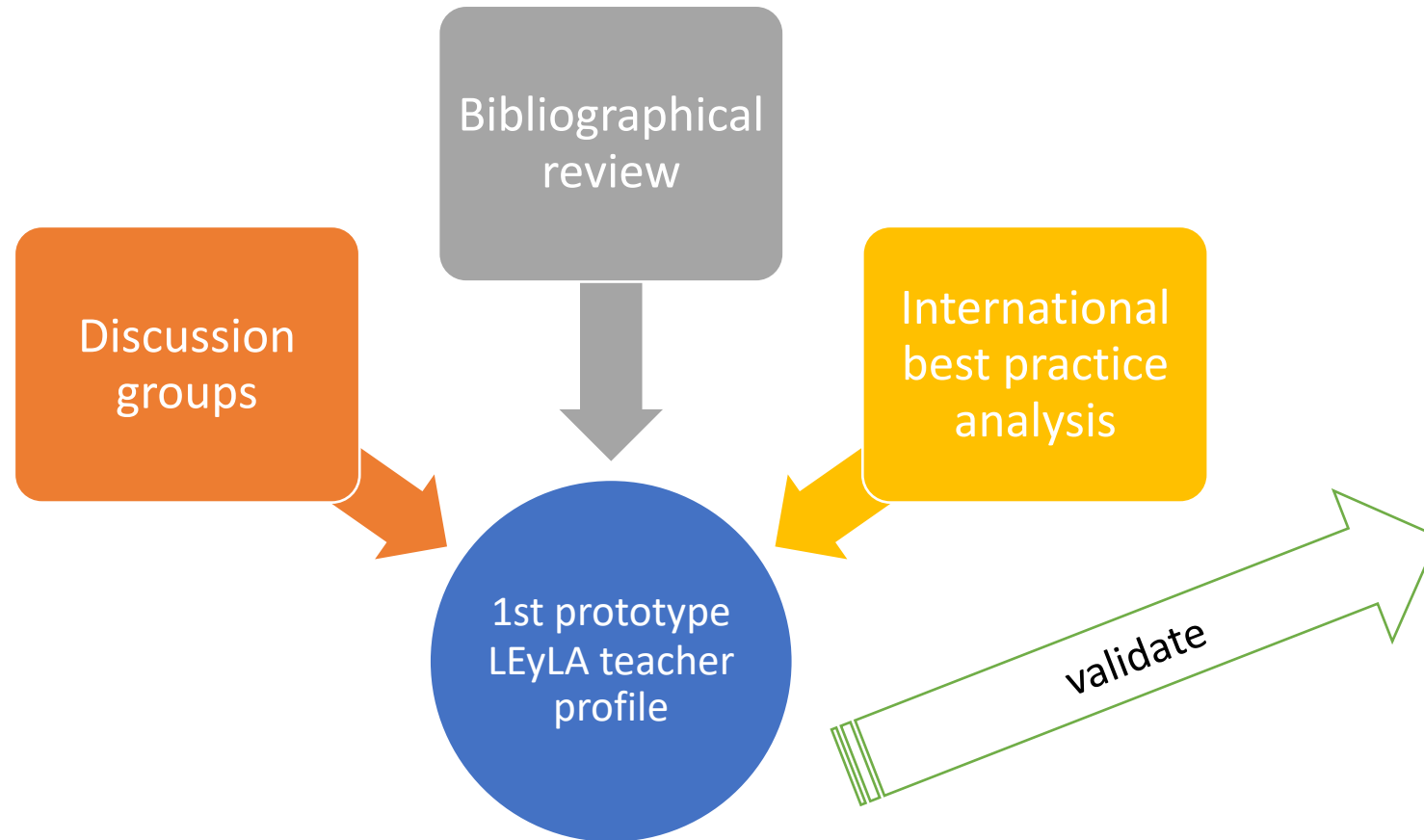
FL teachers / bilingual teachers with experience at Pre-primary education



UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA



PHASE 2. RESEARCH



International framework of very early multilingual teacher profile



UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA





LOOKING AT THE FUTURE

- International cooperation
- Design teacher education courses based on the framework

Thanks

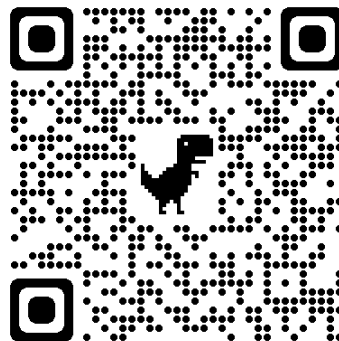


proyectoLEyLA@gmail.com

bcortina@ugr.es

ftsaez@ugr.es

www.proyectoLEyLA.eu



UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA

